

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Ordinance Regulating Public Swimming Pools Within the Town of West Hartford**  
**October 14, 2014 at 6:45 p.m.**

Meeting opened at 6:46 p.m.

President Slifka: Okay, we're going to call the 6:45 Public Hearing to order. This is regarding an ordinance regulating public swimming pools within the Town of West Hartford. Can I have a rollcall, please? Ms. Labrot?

Councilors Barnes, Cantor, Captain, Davidoff, Hall, Kindall and Slifka were present.

Councilors Casperson and Doar were absent.

President Slifka: Well done. Here. Thank you. Okay. Our presentation. Welcome.

Ms. Eberle: Good evening. My name is Amy Eberle. I'm the Assistant Director of Health for the West Hartford Bloomfield Health District. Tonight I am looking to present the established ordinance for regulating public swimming pools within the Town of West Hartford. Currently we're inspecting public swimming pools, which consists of pools within your fitness facilities, condo associations, and in-town pools. We're currently, again, looking to establish this ordinance. We're looking to license and be able to establish fees associated with the inspections. The fees would help to offset the cost associated with the inspection. Pools would continue to be inspected basically once a year or based upon complaints that come in to the Health District, and the license would also be good for a year.

President Slifka: Thank you. Mr. Van Winkle, do you have something to add to that?

Mr. Van Winkle: No, you know we have been inspecting pools for a long time. Obviously, some of our pools are outdoor pools and get inspected in the spring when they get set up. The work can be busy at times of the year. A pool is something that is required to inspect, our Health District is required, and, so, this proposal would set out those regulations and what they do in those inspections and, then, set also a fee for the purpose of making that inspection. We do restaurant inspections, and there are fees associated with that. Other kinds of inspections would be, so just another example of where the State has allowed us to adopt local regulations, and that's what we are doing tonight and to be able to set a local fee based on the State regulation for that inspection.

President Slifka: Thank you Mr. Van Winkle. Are there questions for the administration? Ms. Kindall?

Councilor Kindall: Does this apply to private pools? If I have a pool, I don't, in my backyard, does this apply to this?

Ms. Eberle: No, it does not apply to residential pools within your home.

Councilor Kindall: Okay.

Ms. Eberle: Again, condo associations, fitness facilities, outdoor pools that the public would be utilizing.

Councilor Kindall: And, how many pools do we figure will be covered in the Town of West Hartford by this ordinance?

Ms. Eberle: Currently there are 16 pools. That number probably will go up because we have some pools that are looking to be built or do some renovations to.

Councilor Kindall: Thank you.

President Slifka: Ms. Hall?

Councilor Hall: I just wanted to thank you for the opportunity when we discuss this in subcommittee. We also went back to people we know and shared that with property managers of condominium associations to give them a chance to review the ordinance and make sure they were comfortable with it or if they had questions that could be addressed. I just want to thank the Bloomfield/West Hartford Health District for their timely response along with our Assistant Corporation Council and addressing this. So, thank you.

President Slifka: Thank you, Ms. Hall. Anything further, Council? Okay. Not. Then, thank you very much, and we will close the Public Hearing. Okay. No one signed up. Is there anybody who did not sign up who wish to speak to the subject matter of this Public Hearing? Okay. If not, then one more time around. We'll close the Public Hearing. And we will now sit in silence until 7:00.

Public Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.



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